

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A receiver comprising:

a bank of correlators for receiving a signal that is a linear combination of a set of signature signals that has undergone some distortion; and

a correlation shaper operating on a vector output from the bank of correlators wherein ~~the correlation shaper is chosen so that a covariance matrix of an output vector of the correlation shaper has the property that the second and subsequent rows are permutations of the first row~~

the bank of correlators generate a first vector output and the correlation shaper transforms the first vector output into a second vector output;

the second vector output is substantially uncorrelated on at least a subspace; and
the transformation substantially minimizes a mean-squared-error relationship between the second vector output and first vector output.

2. (Original) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators is a decorrelator receiver.

3. (Original) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators is a matched filter receiver.

4. (Original) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is a whitening transformation.

5. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 4, wherein the whitening transformation is determined by minimizing the mean squared error between the first vector output from the bank of correlators and ~~an~~ the second output vector ~~from the correlation shaper~~.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is a subspace whitening transformation.
10. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 9, wherein the subspace whitening transformation is determined by minimizing the mean squared error between the first vector output from the bank of correlators and ~~an~~ the second output vector ~~from the correlation shaper~~.
11. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein the transformation is performed on a subspace.
12. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is chosen so that a covariance matrix of ~~a representation of an~~ the second output vector ~~from the correlation shaper~~ in the space in which it lies has the property that the second and subsequent rows are permutations of the first row.
13. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 12, wherein the correlation shaper is determined by minimizing the mean squared error between the first vector output from the bank of correlators and the second output vector ~~from the correlation shaper~~.
14. (Currently Amended) ~~The receiver of claim 1,~~ A receiver comprising:
a bank of correlators for receiving a signal that is a linear combination of a set of signature signals that has undergone some distortion; wherein the bank of correlators cross-correlates the received signal with a set of ~~orthogonal~~ signals to produce a vector output, and wherein the set of signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of signals and the set of signature signals.

- 15.** (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim **14**, wherein the set of ~~orthogonal~~ signals is ~~determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the~~ a set of orthogonal signals ~~and the set of signature signals~~.
- 16.** (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim **14** **15**, wherein the set of orthogonal signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of orthogonal signals and a set of decorrelator signals.
- 17.** (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim ~~[[1]]~~ **14**, wherein the ~~bank of correlators cross-correlates the received signal with~~ set of signals is a set of geometrically uniform signals.
- 18.** (Canceled)
- 19.** (Original) The receiver of claim **17**, wherein the set of geometrically uniform signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of geometrically uniform signals and a set of decorrelator signals.
- 20.** (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim ~~[[1]]~~ **14**, wherein the ~~bank of correlators cross-correlates the received signal with~~ set of signals is a set of projected orthogonal signals.
- 21.** (Canceled)
- 22.** (Original) The receiver of claim **20**, wherein the set of projected orthogonal signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of projected orthogonal signals and a set of decorrelator signals.
- 23.** (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim ~~[[1]]~~ **14**, wherein the ~~bank of correlators cross-correlates the received signal with~~ set of signals is a set of projected geometrically uniform signals.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The receiver of claim 23, wherein the set of projected geometrically uniform signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of projected geometrically uniform signals and a set of decorrelator signals.

26. (Original) The receiver of claim 1, further comprising a bank of detectors operating on the output from the correlation shaper.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for processing signals in a multi-signature system comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal that is a linear combination of a set of signature signals that has undergone some distortion;

processing the received signal with a bank of correlators to obtain a first vector output; and

shaping the correlation of the first vector output to transform the first vector output to a second vector output, the second vector output being substantially uncorrelated on at least a subspace; and

the transformation substantially minimizing a mean-squared-error relationship between the second vector output and first vector output. wherein
~~shaping the correlation of the vector output further comprises the step of performing a transformation of the vector output such that the covariance matrix of the output vector output of the transformation has the property that the second and each subsequent row is a permutation of the first.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output ~~further~~ comprises the step of performing a whitening transformation on the first vector output.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **28**, wherein performing the whitening transformation further comprises the step of minimizing the mean squared error between the first vector output and an output vector from the whitening transformation.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output ~~further~~ comprises the step of performing a subspace whitening transformation on the first vector output.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **33**, wherein performing the subspace whitening transformation further comprises the step of minimizing the mean squared error between the first vector output and an output vector from the subspace whitening transformation.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output ~~further~~ comprises the step of performing a transformation of the vector output such that the covariance matrix of ~~the representation of~~ the first output vector of the transformation on the space in which it lies has the property that the second and each subsequent row is a permutation of the first.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **35**, wherein performing the transformation further comprises the step of minimizing the mean squared error between the first vector output and the output vector from the transformation.

37. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output further comprises the step of~~ A method for processing signals in a multi-signature system comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal that is a linear combination of a set of signature signals that has undergone some distortion;

cross-correlating the received signals with a set of ~~orthogonal~~ signals; and
determining the set of signals by minimizing a least-squares-error between the signature signals and the set of signals.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **37**, ~~further comprising the step of minimizing the least squares error between the signature signals and the~~ wherein the set of signals is a set of orthogonal signals.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~**27**~~ **37**, wherein ~~shaping the correlation of the vector output further comprises the step of cross correlating the received signal with~~ the set of signals is a set of geometrically uniform signals.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Original) The method of claim **40**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-squares error between the set of geometrically uniform signals and a set of decorrelator signals.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~27~~ 37, wherein ~~shaping the correlation of the vector output further comprises the step of shaping the correlation of the vector output on a subspace by cross-correlating the received signals with~~ the set of signals is a set of projected orthogonal signals.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Original) The method of claim **43**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-squares error between the projected orthogonal signals and a set of decorrelator signals.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~27~~ 37, wherein ~~shaping the correlation of the vector output further comprises the step of shaping the correlation of the vector output on a subspace by cross-correlating the received signal with~~ the set of signals is a set of projected geometrically uniform signals.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Original) The method of claim **46**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-squares error between the projected geometrically uniform signals and a set of decorrelator signals.